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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FEATURES GUEST CONDUCTOR

CHARLESTON -- Brazilian guest conductor Claudio Ribeiro will conduct the Eastern Illinois Symphony Orchestra in a performance of three compositions by Brazilian composers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, in Eastern's Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The performance is in conjunction with the university's celebration of Latino Heritage month.

Maestro Ribeiro will conduct Sinfonia da Opera TOSCA, Carlos Gomes; Lambe-Lambe, Luis Cosme; and Batuque (Danza de Negri), Oscar Lorenzo Fernandez. The program will also feature the orchestra's brass section by opening with the FANFARE pour precede "La PERE" by Paul Dukes and a performance of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, conducted by Principal Conductor Roger W. Sebby.

Maestro Ribeiro was born in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and studied at the Music School of the Porto Alegre Symphony where he was appointed Principal Conductor in 1995. He also graduated in conducting from the School of Arts of the Rio Grande do Sul Federal University. He continued studies of conducting in Holland with Michel Tabachnik and in Italy with Guennadi

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Rozhdestvensky. In Italy he obtained two diplomas, one from the Chigiana di Siena Academy and another from Accademia d'Arte Lireca e Corale di Osimo.